

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2417 - SB 2283

February 10, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits public institutions of higher education (institutions) employees from compelling a teacher or student from discussing public policy issues of the day without the teacher's or student's consent. Prohibits an employee or a course of study from compelling a teacher or student at that institution to adopt, affirm, adhere to, or profess ideas in violation of the Civil Rights Act. Requires each institution to notify the Department of Finance and Administration (F&A) of a violation of this act and to provide a remedy for the violation. Prohibits F&A from distributing funds to an institution in violation if the violation is not remedied within six months and requires F&A to immediately notify the Chairs of the Government Operations Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate. Creates a private cause of action.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the University of Tennessee System, the locally governed institutions, and the Tennessee Board of Regents, each of the institutions can comply and update any policies of proposed legislation without a significant impact to state or local government.
- It is assumed that any violations will be remedied in a timely manner to avoid the loss of funding.
- F&A can handle the provisions of this legislation within existing resources without an impact to state government.
- Any impact to the court system resulting from the proposed legislation will be accomplished using existing judicial resources.
- There will not be a significant number of civil actions to have a significant fiscal impact on state or local government.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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